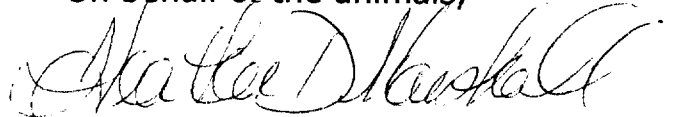


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To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing concerning Docket Numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, and 97P-0197. The FDA was originally petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting in hens. Forced molting is when hens are intentionally starved to manipulate egg productions. The hens are starved for up to 14 days! The FDA needs to put a stop to this cruel, inhumane, and dangerous practice. More needs to be done than just putting bacteria warning signs on egg cartons and regulating egg refrigeration temperatures. Forced molting needs to be prohibited because it has been shown to promote disease by destroying the hens' immune systems. It is the primary cause of disease in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. The FDA has the jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, for the sake of human health. This petition should be granted without further delay.

On behalf of the animals,



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P.S. Please respond.

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